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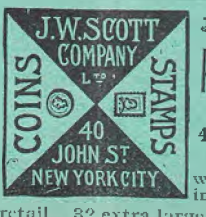

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IMPRESSIONS BY THE WAY.

W. Lionel Moise.

During the last week I had the honor of a visit from Mr. Henry Grossman of St. Augustine, Fla., a genial and affable enthusiast in relics of all kinds. Mr. Grossman brought with him many valuable specimens of Confederate stamps, and during his short stay here, we succeeded in making many pleasing exchanges. Mr. Grossman is proprietor of the "Stamp Corner" in St. Augustine, a place familiar to most southern tourists. While absent, Mr. Grossman has a young man in his place to look after The Corner and attend to his affairs. It is this class of philatelists that serve to spread our pursuit abroad and are valued the most. Mr. Grossman has my best wishes.

"The Daily Stamp Item" has appeared. The press vary in their opinions as to its needfulness. It is the popular idea that a daily is more of an ornament than a necessity to philately on account of the scarcity of that kind of news that needs immediate proclamation to the philatelic world. The real value of a daily stamp paper is its ability to notify collectors of all newly discovered frauds, and to quote prices realized at auction. However, as Hamlet remarked, "As a stranger, let us give it welcome." We make our bow to his feline majesty.

It is with pleasure we note the appearance of the Philatelic Emblem on the market. Mr. Hammond deserves the thanks of the progressive class of philatelists for his enterprise. As far as the financial success of the venture is concerned, I have no doubt but that it will prove remunerative. It is a "long-felt want," to use a somewhat out-of-date expression.

Mr. Geo. W. Archard's able reply in the last "Newsletter," although very admirably put, yet, like all things mundane, contained many flaws. When I penned the paragraph anent philatelic editors and their lack of originality, it was my intention for him whom the cap fit, to wear it; but I little dreamed that Mr. Archard would undertake to voluntarily place the crown on his own cranium. On the contrary I always consider Mr. Archard's productions in just the opposite light. In the above-referred to squib I aimed at the somewhat antiquated specimens of editorship, not the finde-siecle class of which Brother Archard is a worthy representative. And as far as the merits and demerits of my productions are concerned, I would respectfully remind this gentleman that (1) authors guide themselves by the public demand, not by the judgement of a censorship, and that (2) difference in opinion is a natural state of affairs. And, friend Archard, the next time you undertake to quote from the law, see that you get your lines correctly, or that you have a competent proof-reader to correct them for you. I, too, have had some experience in law.

I HAVE heard of an ancient tale, which by way of illustration, I will here recite. There lived a famous painter, who had many admirers. One of these admirers made a wager that if this world-renowned painter would sketch simply a broom resting against the wall, and annex his name to the picture, that it would find as ready a sale as the rarest piece of art. The painter accepted the wager and painted the sketch, placing his name in the lower corner. Immediately upon its exhibition, bids were received from several persons, and finally the painting sold for an immense sum of money, showing that it was the name, not the picture's artistic value that counted. In keeping with the anecdote I am led to compare Major Egan's recent antagonistic criticisms of my productions, when signed by me, but my signature omitted, as in the case of my article in the American Philatelist and Collector on our Philatelic Literature, he has nothing but words of praise. "It is to the point," "Very well written" etc., etc., croaks the valient representative of ancient days, in speaking of my article in the A. P. and C. unsigned,

but had it been signed, such volumes of unfavorable epithets would have descended on my "devoted head," that I would have been as affected as—well as I generally am by his insane ravings.

FISCAL STAMPS OF SWITZERLAND.

By G. C. Cuenod.

Collecting revenues has become more general in the last few years. The American collectors pay, of course, more attention to United States revenues than to foreign ones, still there are many attractive fiscal stamps on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. I wish to call the attention of the fiscal collectors upon the revenues of Switzerland. This small but old republic is, like the United States, a federation of states called "cantons."

Out of the twenty-two cantons of Switzerland, thirteen have issued adhesive fiscal stamps, some of which are interesting by their design, representing the coat of arms of the canton, and their various colors and sizes. The values run from five centimes (1 cent) to 100 francs ($20.00). The oldest issue is that of canton Ticino 1857, which is very scarce. They are, generally, lightly cancelled with pen writing or rubber stamp, and their prices are very reasonable, having not yet been collected extensively.

Here is a statement of the number of stamps issued by each state:

Basel (Bale)	70 stamps	Bern	66 stamps
Fribourg	204 stamps	Gene've	80 stamps
Luzern (Lucerne)	14 stamps	Neuchatel	21 stamps
St. Gallen	4 stamps	Schwyz	3 stamps
Ticino (Tessin)	22 stamps	Valais	97 stamps
Vaud	62 stamps	Zug	4 stamps
Zurich	24 stamps		
		Total	671 stamps

RELATING TO SECOND-CLASS RATES.

By F. S. George.

One of the first steps necessary to successfully launch a philatelic paper upon a cold and critical world is to secure second-class rates. Generally this is not a very difficult thing to do, especially if you have the local postmaster on your side. With second-class rates the postage on a month's issue of an eight-page magazine will amount to

about fifty cents per thousand, and without them nearly $10 per thousand. It is very easy to see then that second-class rates are very desirable, and we might add, necessary to the publisher.

For nearly fifty years the problem of newspaper postage was a difficult one for our government to solve. In the earlier days rates of postage on daily papers were payable in advance by the subscribers, either at the mailing or receiving office, at the rate of 35 cents per quarter; and for weekly papers five cents per quarter. Within the county, however, where the paper was published, subscribers of weekly papers received one copy free. Monthly and semi-monthly publications were at an even higher rate. Harper's Magazine, had it been published in 1815, would require 27 cents each as postage. In 1825 an act was passed whereby "every printer of newspapers could send one paper to each and every other printer of newspapers in the United States free of postage. Thus we notice that the publishers had the best of the deal, and the people were not long in finding it out. Complaints were numerous, and in 1859 reached the ears of Congress through the report of Postmaster General Joseph Holt. In his report he says: However slight the support which this statute (act of 1827) may seem to give the publishers, it imposes in the aggregate a heavy and unjust burden on the department. * * * The newspapers received in exchange by the journalist are, in the parlance of commerce; his stock in trade. From their columns he gathers materials for his own, and thus makes the same business use of them that the merchant does of his goods, or the mechanic of the raw material which he proposes to manufacture into fabrics. But as the government transports nothing free of charge for the farmer, the merchant or the mechanic, * * * why shall it do so for the journalist?"

In 1852 an act was passed as follows:

"Bona fide subscribers to weekly newspapers can receive the same free of postage, if they reside in the county in which the paper is printed and published, even if the office to which the paper is sent is without the county, provided it is the office at which they regularly receive their mail matter."

This act was also received with much disfavor and the same postmaster general's report also touches this act as

follows: "Why a citizen who chances to reside on one side of a county line shall be exempted from a postage on his newspaper, which his neighbor on the other side of that line is obliged to pay on the same paper, surpasses my comprehension."

Thus we see that it took a long time and a good many experiments to get the present system of newspaper rates into running order. Up to the 54th congress all fraternal and secret society journals were denied second-class rates.

A LITTLE KNOWN LOCAL.

By H. I. Watts.

There is a local stamp of which little is known, as few specimens are in collections, many dealers refusing to recognize them, and declare them to be "only a postmark. I refer to the "Cincinnati, O., hand-stamp." This stamp was improvised from the regular postmark, which gave rise to the statement that it is only a postmark. I will state the facts as I know them, and the reader may judge for himself.

The stamps, as I have already stated, were printed from the post-marking stamp, and are circular in shape, and bear the inscription: "Cincinnati, O., 3 cts.," followed by the date. They are printed on various kinds of envelopes and in two colors, blue and red. The most common are those printed in a dull red, such as was so commonly used for post-marking late in the 'fifties."

Now I have these stamps on envelopes which have carried letters with no other stamp. If they have prepaid postage, they are of philatelic value, and should be cataloged. Is it not so? Has this stamp not as great a claim on our attention as dozens of other locals.

SMALL TALK.

By Henry F. Beaumont, Jr.

One of the most unique occupations, enviable, yet not desirable, good pay and good accommodations, yet with many drawbacks that very few people appreciate, is that of the Railway Postal Clerk, a person that should be well known to every philatelist, for what could we do without him?

The approval sheet fraud could not operate his nefarious tricks, the dead-beat could not live on the gullible, and the honest dealer and collector could do nothing without him, for the Railway Postal Clerk is the great go-between for philatelists, individually and collectively, and trusting that all are sufficiently interested I give, in the following, a few facts about the work on which the clerk is employed.

The railway mail service has assumed enormous proportions in the last ten years. Letters, parcels, papers, and every other conceivable kind and specie of package or bundle containing everything from a to izzard is carried, at one time or another over the 169,768 miles that the railway now covers, for the distribution of which clerks are employed on 149,401 miles. The remaining 20,367 miles having the closed pouch service.

The rolling stock of the railway postoffice consists of 650 whole cars in use and 275 in reserve; 1911 apartment cars in use and 526 in reserve, making a total of 3362 cars under the control of the department. There are 1136 railroad postoffice lines in operation, employing a force of 6726 postal clerks to distribute the mails. Then there are thirty-four steamboat lines, upon which forty-two regular and two acting clerks are employed, making a total of 6400 that it takes to attend to the mails that pass over the United States.

REMARKABLE SURCHARGES.

Australian Stamp Collector.

The biggest surcharge on record was made last month by the government of Western Australia. The solicitors of the Black Flag Gold Mining Company paid to the Central Exploration company the sum of £525,000 purchase money for 40 leases of 66 acres in the Black flag district. The stamp duty on the transfer amounted to £2,625. Having no stamp of that size in the department, the simple expedient was adopted of altering a penny stamp, and giving it a face value of £2,625. Another surcharge of a less remunerative character, is also reported from West Australia, where the postal authorities have not yet become sufficiently civilized to print their own stamps, having to get their supplies from England. The stock of half-penny was getting low, and to provide for contingencies a few sheets of the 3d were sent to the printer, and surcharged for the lower value. As soon as the first lot made their appearance, the Perth postoffice was besieged with collectors and persons anxious to possess copies of the provisional.

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MAY 1896.

We take the following from Philatelic Facts:

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Thanks, brother. We do not receive The Reporter, so could not reply.

We wish to thank the various papers for their kind words of approval and hope to merit them more in the future.

Mr. E. W. Heusinger, in a letter of recent date, says: "My wife has presented me with a young Philatelist." The young Philatelist has our best wishes for a long and useful life.

We have received several catalogues, price-lists, etc., in the past month. Being short of space we cannot enumerate them.

Mr. A. M. Rareshide of Houston, Tex., has discovered a Beaumont Confederate Provisional stamp, 10c yellow on original cover. Rumor says he has refused $925 for it. We congratulate you Bro. Rareshide.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.

I wish to thank you, one and all, for the high honor conferred on me in making me president of The Southern Philatelic Association for the ensuing year, and pledge you, brother members, that I shall strive hard for our association, and will do all in my power to further its cause, and for its upbuilding.

May I ask, will you aid me in this good work? We have the material in "Old Dixie" and we must have a rousing association.

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Fraternally,
BEN RUSSELL,
President.

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Very truly,
BEN RUSSELL,
President.

EXCHANGE SUPT'S REPORT.

HOUSTON, TEX., April 28, 1896.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.

The Exchange Department of our Society is now in working order. I have started two circuits and more will follow immediately. Last month I sent a circular letter to every member soliciting his participation in the department and I am very much gratified with the result. Nearly two-thirds of the members responded. What I desire particularly is good stamps, as the supply sent in does not cover the requests for stamps by a large per cent. If the members would realize that the department is now worked on a cash basis, and there will be no longer delays in settling with them, I think they will soon more readily be glad to place their duplicates for sale in in the department, when our sales average over 50 per cent. I desire you all to remember that I kindly solicit your help in making this department a success, for without it I am helpless.

Fraternally,
A. M. RARESHIDE,
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